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PART I.

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I. That a Board of Examiners be appointed in this Division of the United Kingdom by the co-operation of the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England; it being understood that, liberty being left to each College to confer as it may think proper its honorary distinctions,* each of them will abstain [so far as allowed by law] from the exercise of its independent privilege of giving

* Namely, the Fellowship of either College, and the Membership of the Royal College of Physicians.

a qualification for admission to the "Medical Register."*

II. That the Board be constituted of Examiners appointed by the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Royal College of Surgeons of England, in such manner as they shall severally think fit.

III. That Examiners be appointed to conduct examinations on the following subjects :—

1. Chemistry and Chemical Physics ;
2. Materia Medica ;
3. Medical Botany ;
4. Pharmacy ;
5. Anatomy ;
6. Physiology ;
7. Medicine ;
8. Surgery ;
9. Midwifery ;
10. Forensic Medicine ;

or on such subjects as may be hereafter required.

IV. That the appointments of Examiners be apportioned according to a plan to be agreed upon by the two Colleges.

V. That a Committee of Management be appointed, to consist of three Representatives from each of the two Colleges ; and that no Member of such Committee be eligible for appointment as an Examiner.

* That is to say, that the College of Physicians shall not grant its Licence to any Candidate who has not passed all the Examinations required for a registrable Surgical Qualification, and that the College of Surgeons shall not grant its Diploma to any Candidate who has not passed all the Examinations required for a registrable Medical Qualification.

VI. That one Representative from each College retire from the Committee annually, but that the retiring Members be eligible for re-appointment.

VII. That two Representatives from each College constitute a quorum of the Committee.

VIII. That the duties of the Committee of Management be as follows :—

1. To arrange the Examinations, in accordance with Regulations approved by the two Colleges.

2. To appoint paid Visitors of the First and Second Examinations.

3. To consider such questions in relation to the Examinations as they may think fit, or such as shall be referred to them by either or both Colleges, and to report thereon.

IX. That there be three Examinations on Professional subjects.

X. That the Fees for the Qualifications of the two Colleges remain as at present.

XI. That each College pay the Examiners whom it may appoint.

XII. That every Candidate who shall have passed the Final Examination conducted by the Board shall, subject to the Bye-Laws of each College,

be entitled to receive the Licence of the Royal College of Physicians of London and the Diploma of Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

XIII. That either of the Colleges shall be at liberty to withdraw from this Scheme, and from the Examining Board to be constituted hereunder, at any time after five years from the 1st day of October, 1884, on giving to the other College one year's previous notice in writing, dating from the 1st day of October in that year, of its intention so to do; and that, at the expiration of the time limited by such notice, the College giving the same shall be released from all obligation to conform to the terms of this Scheme, or to any rules or regulations which may hereafter be made for giving effect to it.

WILLIAM JENNER,
President of the Royal College of Physicians of England.

THOMAS SPENCER WELLS,
President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

February, 1883.

PART II.

REGULATIONS RELATING TO EXAMINERS

AND

THE CONDUCT OF EXAMINATIONS.

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The following shall be the numbers of Examiners to be appointed by the two Colleges on the several subjects of Examination :—

Subjects.	Totals.	Royal Coll. of Physicians to appoint.	Royal Coll. of Surgeons to appoint.
Chemistry, &c.	5	5	..
Materia Medica, &c.	5	5	..
Elementary Anatomy	5	..	5
Elementary Physiology	3	2	1
Anatomy	6	2	4
Physiology	6	3	3
Medicine	10	10	..
Surgery	10	..	10
Midwifery, &c.	8	4	4
	58	31	27

1. There shall be Three Examinations, each being partly written, partly oral, and partly practical.

2. One or more Examiners shall be present during each Written Examination.

3. The Oral and Practical Examinations of each Candidate shall be conducted in the presence of two Examiners, and all written answers shall be read and judged by two Examiners.

4. The subjects of the First Examination shall be :—

Chemistry ; and Chemical Physics, meaning thereby Heat, Light, and Electricity.

Materia Medica, Medical Botany, and Pharmacy.

Elementary Anatomy, and Elementary Physiology.

NOTE A.—Synopses shall be prepared indicating the range of subjects in the Examinations in Chemistry and Chemical Physics, in Materia Medica, Medical Botany, Pharmacy, Elementary Anatomy, and Elementary Physiology, and also in Physiology of the Second Examination.

5. The subjects of the Second Examination shall be :—

Anatomy.

Physiology.

6. The subjects of the Third or Final Examination shall be :—

Medicine, including Therapeutics, Medical Anatomy, and Pathology.

Surgery, including Surgical Anatomy, and Pathology.

Midwifery, and Diseases peculiar to Women.

NOTE B.—Questions on Forensic Medicine and Public Health shall be included in the Third or Final Examination.

7. The time allowed to answer Questions in each of the Written Examinations shall not exceed Three Hours.

8. The Oral and Practical Examination of each Candidate on Chemistry and Chemical Physics, shall occupy not less than half an Hour, and shall be conducted in a Laboratory.

9. The Oral and Practical Examination of each Candidate on Materia Medica, Medical Botany, and Pharmacy, shall occupy not less than Fifteen Minutes, exclusive of the time employed in writing names of specimens.

10. The Oral Examination of each Candidate on Elementary Anatomy, shall occupy not less than Ten Minutes. An Oral Examination on Elementary Physiology may be added if the Examiners think it necessary.

11. The Oral and Practical Examination of each Candidate on Anatomy, shall occupy not less than Fifteen Minutes; and the Oral and Practical Examination on Physiology, shall occupy not less than Fifteen Minutes.

12. The Oral and Practical Examination of each Candidate on Medicine, shall occupy not less than Forty Minutes, and the Oral and Practical Examination on Surgery, shall occupy not less than Forty Minutes; the Practical part, in each case, shall include the use of Instruments and Apparatus, and the Examination of Patients.

13. The Oral and Practical Examination of each Candidate on Midwifery and the Diseases peculiar

to Women, shall occupy not less than Twenty Minutes, including the use of Instruments and Apparatus.

WILLIAM JENNER,

President of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

THOMAS SPENCER WELLS,

President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

PART III.

REGULATIONS RELATING TO PROFESSIONAL EDUCATION AND EXAMINATIONS.

REGULATIONS.

SECTION I.

Professional Education.

Any Candidate who desires to obtain both the Licence of the Royal College of Physicians of London, and the Diploma of Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England, is required to comply with the following Regulations, and to pass the Examinations hereinafter set forth. [*See* Section II.]

Every such Candidate who shall commence Professional Study on or after the First of October, 1884, will be required, at the times prescribed in Section II. for the respective Examinations, to produce satisfactory evidence :—

1. Of having been Registered as a Medical Student by the General Medical Council. [*See* Regulations of the General Medical Council, to be obtained of the Registrar, 299, Oxford Street, London, W.]

Note A.—Professional Studies commenced before Registration, except in the cases of Chemistry and Chemical Physics, Materia Medica, Botany, and Pharmacy, will not be recognized.

2. Of having been engaged in Professional Studies at least forty-five months, during which not less than three Winter Sessions and two Summer Sessions shall have been passed at one or more of the Medical Schools recognized by the two Colleges. One Winter Session and two Summer Sessions may be passed in one or more of the following ways :—

   (*a*) Attending the practice of a Hospital, Infirmary, or other Institution recognized as affording satisfactory opportunities for Professional Study ;

   (*b*) Receiving Instruction as a Pupil of a legally qualified Practitioner holding such a public appointment, or having such opportunities of imparting a practical knowledge of Medicine, Surgery, or Midwifery, as shall be satisfactory to the two Colleges ;

   (*c*) Attending Lectures on one or more of the required subjects of Professional Study at a recognized place of instruction.

3. Of having received instruction in the following subjects :—

   (*a*) Chemistry, including Chemical Physics, meaning thereby Heat, Light, and Electricity.

   (*b*) Practical Chemistry.

   (*c*) Materia Medica.

(*d*) Botany.

(*e*) Pharmacy.

NOTE B.—The Instruction in Practical Pharmacy must be given by a registered Medical Practitioner, or by a Member of the Pharmaceutical Society of Great Britain, or in a Public Hospital, Infirmary, or Dispensary.

4. Of having performed Dissections, at a recognized Medical School, during not less than twelve months.

5. Of having attended, at a recognized Medical School:—

   (*a*) A course of Lectures on Anatomy during not less than six months, or one Winter Session.

   (*b*) A course of Lectures on General Anatomy and Physiology during not less than six months, or one Winter Session.

   (*c*) A separate Practical course of General Anatomy and Physiology during not less than three months.

6. Of having attended, at a recognized Medical School:—

   (*a*) A course of Lectures on Medicine during not less than six months, or one Winter Session.

(*b*) A course of Lectures on Surgery during not less than six months, or one Winter Session.

(*c*) A course of Lectures on Midwifery and Diseases peculiar to Women during not less than three months.

NOTE C.—A Certificate must also be produced of attendance on not less than Twenty Labours, which Certificate must be signed by one or more legally qualified practitioners.

(*d*) Systematic Practical Instruction in Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, including :—

1. The application of Anatomical knowledge to the investigation of Disease.
2. The methods of examining various Organs and other Parts of the Body, in order to detect the evidence of Disease or the effects of Accidents.
3. The employment of Instruments and Apparatus used in diagnosis or treatment.
4. The examination of Diseased Structures, whether recent or in a Museum.
5. The Chemical Examination of Morbid products.
6. The performance of Operations on the Dead Body.
7. Post-Mortem Examinations.

(*e*) A course of Lectures on Pathological Anatomy during not less than three months.

(*f*) Demonstrations in the *post-mortem* room during the whole period of attendance on Clinical Lectures. (See Clause 8.)

(*g*) A course of Lectures on Forensic Medicine during not less than three months.

7. Of having attended, at a recognized Hospital or Hospitals, the Practice of Medicine and Surgery during Three Winter and Two Summer Sessions.

NOTE D.—No Metropolitan Hospital is recognized which contains less than 150, and no Provincial or Colonial Hospital which contains less than 100, Patients.

A three months' course of Clinical Instruction in the Wards of a recognized Lunatic Hospital or Asylum, may be substituted for the same period of attendance in the Medical Wards of a General Hospital.

8. Of having attended, at a recognized Hospital or Hospitals, during nine months Clinical Lectures on Medicine, and during nine months Clinical Lectures on Surgery, and of having been engaged during a period of Three Months in the Clinical Study of Diseases peculiar to Women.

NOTE E.—These Clinical Lectures must be attended after the Candidate has passed the Second Examination.

9. Of having discharged, after he has passed the Second Examination, the duties of a Medical Clinical Clerk during six months, and of a Surgical Dresser during other six months.

NOTE F.—These duties may be discharged at a General Hospital, Infirmary or Dispensary, or Parochial or Union Infirmary, recognized for this purpose, or in such other similar manner as shall, in the opinion of the two Colleges, afford sufficient opportunity for the acquirement of practical knowledge.

10. Of having received Instruction in the practice of Vaccination.

NOTE G.—The Certificate must be such as will qualify its holder to contract as a Public Vaccinator under the Regulations, at the time in force, of the Local Government Board.

Students are required to attend Examinations which are held in the several Classes.

N.B.—Exemption from any of the foregoing Regulations can only be granted by the Committee of Management.

SECTION II.

Professional Examinations.

There are three Professional Examinations, called herein the First Examination, the Second Examination, and the Third or Final Examination, each being partly written, partly oral, and partly practical.

These Examinations will be held in the months of January, April, May, July, and October, unless otherwise appointed.

The First Examination.

The subjects of the First Examination are :

Chemistry ; and Chemical Physics, meaning thereby, Heat, Light, and Electricity.

Materia Medica, Medical Botany, and Pharmacy.

Elementary Anatomy, and Elementary Physiology.

Synopses indicating the range of subjects in the Examinations in Chemistry and Chemical Physics, Materia Medica, Medical Botany, Pharmacy, Elementary Anatomy, and Elementary Physiology, may be obtained together with the Regulations.

A Candidate may take this Examination in two Parts at different times, or he may present himself for the whole at one time.

A Candidate will be admitted to the Examination on Chemistry and Chemical Physics, Materia Medica, Medical Botany, and Pharmacy, on producing evidence of having been registered as a Medical Student by the General Medical Council, and of having complied with the Regulations prescribed in Section I. Clause 3; but he will not be admitted to the Examination on Elementary Anatomy, and Elementary Physiology, earlier than the end of his first Winter Session at a Medical School.

A Candidate rejected in either Part or in both Parts of the First Examination will not be admitted to re-examination until after the lapse of a period of not less than three months from the date of rejection, and he will be re-examined in the Subject or Subjects in which he has been rejected.

The Fees for admission to the First Examination are as follows:—

For the whole Examination ..	£10 10*s.*
For re-examination after rejection in either of the two Parts ..	£3 3*s.*

Any Candidate who shall produce satisfactory evidence of having passed an examination on any of the subjects of the First Part of this Examination conducted at a University in the United Kingdom, in India, or in a British Colony, will be exempt from examination on those subjects in which he has passed.

The Second Examination.

The subjects of the Second Examination are :—

Anatomy.

Physiology.

A Synopsis indicating the range of subjects in the Examination in Physiology may be obtained with the Regulations.

A Candidate may present himself for examination in either of these Subjects or Parts separately, or in both at one time.

A Candidate will be admitted to the Second Examination after the lapse of not less than six months from the date of his passing the First Examination, on producing evidence of having completed, subsequently to registration as a Medical Student, eighteen months of professional Study at a recognized Medical School or Schools, and of having complied with the Regulations prescribed in Section I. Clauses 4 and 5.

A Candidate rejected in either Part or in both Parts of the Second Examination will not be admitted to re-examination until after the lapse of a period of not less than three months from the date of rejection, and will be re-examined in the Subject or Subjects in which he has been rejected.

The Fees for admission to the Second Examination are as follows :—

For the whole Examination ..	£10 10*s.*
For re-examination after rejection in either of the Two Parts ..	£3 3*s.*

The Third or Final Examination.

The subjects of the Final Examination are :—

Medicine, including Therapeutics, Medical Anatomy, and Pathology.

Surgery, including Surgical Anatomy, and Pathology.

Midwifery, and Diseases peculiar to Women.

Questions on Forensic Medicine and Public Health will be included in the Third or Final Examination.

A Candidate may present himself for examination in these three Subjects or Parts separately or at one time.

A Candidate will be admitted to the Third or Final Examination on producing Evidence :—

1. Of being Twenty-one Years of age.

2. Of having passed the Second Examination.

3. Of having studied Medicine, Surgery, and Midwifery, in accordance with the Regulations prescribed in Section I. Clauses 2 and 6 to 10.

The Colleges do not admit to either Part of the Third or Final Examination any Candidate (not exempted from Registration) whose name has not been entered in the

Medical Students' Register at least forty-five months, nor till the expiration of two years after his having passed the Second Examination.

NOTE.—Students are recommended to pass these two years in acquiring practical knowledge in the Wards, or in the Out-Patients' Department, of a recognized Hospital.

A Candidate rejected in the Third or Final Examination, or in one or more of the three Parts into which he may have divided it, will not be admitted to re-examination until after the lapse of a period of not less than six months from the date of rejection, and he will be re-examined in the Subject or Subjects in which he previously failed to pass.

Any Candidate who shall have obtained a Colonial, Indian, or Foreign Qualification which entitles him to practise Medicine or Surgery in the country where such Qualification has been conferred, after a course of study and an Examination equivalent to those required by the Regulations of the two Colleges, shall, on production of satisfactory evidence as to age, and proficiency in vaccination, be admissible to the Second and Third Examinations.

The Fees for admission to the Third or Final Examination are as follows :—

For the whole Examination	£15 15*s.*
For re-examination after rejection in Medicine	£5 5*s.*
For re-examination after rejection in Surgery	£5 5*s.*
For re-examination after rejection in Midwifery	£3 3*s.*

Every Candidate who shall have passed the Third or Final Examination is, subject to the Bye-laws of the two Colleges, entitled to receive :—

The Licence of the Royal College of Physicians of London, and

The Diploma of Member of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

Forms of the required Certificates may be obtained of the Registrar of the Royal College of Physicians or of the Secretary of the Royal College of Surgeons.

WILLIAM JENNER,
President of the Royal College of Physicians of London.

THOMAS SPENCER WELLS,
President of the Royal College of Surgeons of England.

The foregoing Scheme and Regulations were approved and adopted by the Royal College of Physicians of London, March 12th, 1883, and by the Royal College of Surgeons of England, April 29th, 1883.